

## CLAIMS

1. A card like device for displaying information, said device including a display for displaying said information, said information being only alterable upon combining said device with a terminal, and viewable only when said display is within a certain temperature, which temperature is substantially different from room temperature.
2. The card like device of claim 1 wherein the certain temperature is substantially 98 degrees Fahrenheit.
3. The card like device of claim 2 wherein the display is connected to an area by conductors, and wherein body heat from said area is transferred via said conductors to said display to cause information on said display to become viewable.
4. The card like device of claim 2 wherein a heat sensitive area that causes information on said display to become viewable is coextensive with said display.
5. A card like device for displaying information, said device including a display for displaying said information, said information being only alterable upon combining said device with a terminal, and viewable only when said display is placed in light sufficient to power said display for at least a prescribed time period.
6. The card like device of claim 5 wherein said information is viewable only when said display is placed in light sufficient to power said display for at least a prescribed time period, and when said display is within a specified temperature range, which range is substantially different from room temperature.
7. The card like device of claim 6 wherein said temperature range is at substantially body temperature.
8. A method of displaying and altering information on a card like device comprising the steps of utilizing a powered terminal to alter said information and utilizing a heat source to cause said altered information to be viewable on a display.
9. The method of claim 8 wherein the heat source is a human finger, and the display is arranged to cause the information to be viewable when the display temperature reaches substantially body temperature.
10. The method of claim 9 wherein the display utilizes e-ink.